

**Opening of new Post Offices in Himachal Pradesh**

42. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of places in Himachal Pradesh where new Post Offices are proposed to be opened during the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(b) the places where the new Post Offices have been opened and Branch Post Offices upgraded in the State during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) The details of places in Himachal Pradesh where new Post Offices were opened in the last three years, are given in Statement (See below). No Branch Post Office was upgraded into Departmental Sub Post Office during this period.

New Post Offices are opened based on norm based justification subject to availability of resources and plan targets.

**Statement**

*Details of places in Himachal Pradesh where new Post Offices proposed to be opened and opened during this years 1997-98 to 1999-2000*

Year	Serial No.	Name of Place	District
1997-98	1	Putrial	Hamirpur
-do-	2	Basantpur	Mandi
-do-	3	Haripur Sandholi	Solan
-do-	4	Ceanau	Una
1998-99	1	Taraun	Bilaspur
-do-	2	Pumiara	Chamba
-do-	3	Jagnoli	Kangra
-do-	4	Khushinagar	Kangra
-do-	5	Behna	Mandi
-do-	6	Bijmal	Shimla
-do-	7	Shiva	Sirmour
1999-2000	1	Mair	Hamirpur
-do-	2	Jhanjiana	Hamirpur